



July 2026

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings EWI of Omaha,

As summer continues to fly by, I find myself reflecting on what an incredible season it has been for our chapter. The energy, engagement, and growth we've experienced this year are truly something to celebrate.

A special thank you goes to Alisha Nash and Pinnacle Bank for hosting our July meeting. Our presenters did a fantastic job delivering EWI 101. It was wonderful to see meaningful conversations taking place throughout the room and to witness the enthusiasm that makes our chapter so special. Thank you to everyone who played a role in making the program a success.

Another exciting milestone for our chapter is the approval of our 2026-2027 Board Slate. Congratulations to all who have accepted leadership roles for the coming year. Our organization continues to thrive because of members who willingly share their time, talents, and passion for EWI. Thank you for your commitment to serving our chapter and helping guide us into another successful year!

August is one of the most important gatherings of the year as we come together for our Dollars for Scholars/Executive Night Fundraiser. This event is at the heart of our commitment to supporting educational opportunities through the ASIST program and scholarships, and it would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers and supporters.

A special thank you to Amy Bodenner and the Ways & Means Committee for their hard work collecting silent auction, raffle, and wine pull donations. If you or your firm would like to donate an item or sponsor a round of trivia, please submit a form as soon as possible. We also encourage you to invite coworkers, family, friends, and community members to join us for an evening of fun, networking, and philanthropy. Every contribution helps us continue making a meaningful impact through our scholarship programs. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amy Bodenner.

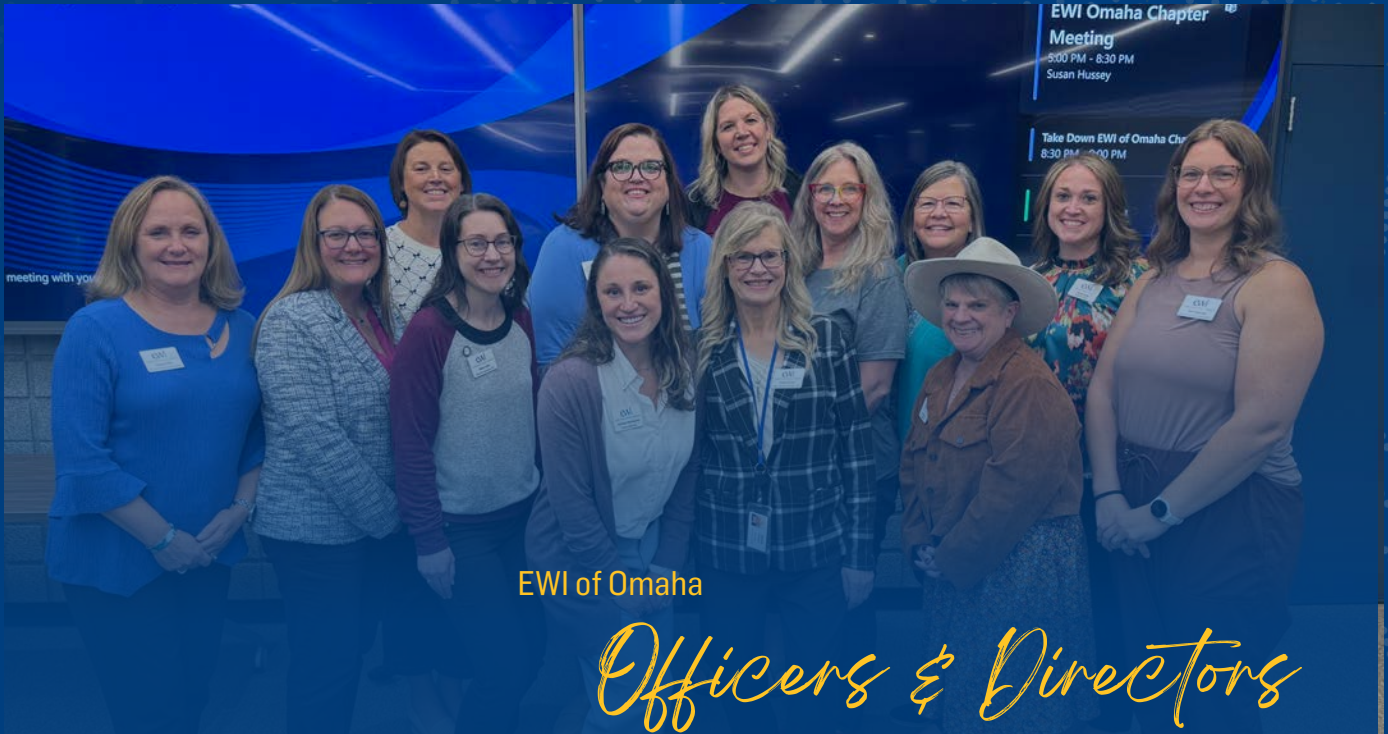
Looking ahead, a friendly reminder of the upcoming Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting in September. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with EWI members from across the organization, participate in leadership and professional development sessions, celebrate accomplishments, and bring new ideas back to Omaha. If you've been considering attending, it's not too late to join us. I encourage you to take advantage of this outstanding experience.

Thank you for all you do to support EWI and one another. I look forward to seeing you at Dollars for Scholars/Executive Night and continuing our momentum as we begin another exciting chapter for EWI of Omaha.

Warmest regards,

Susan Hussey

2025-2026 Chapter President



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Chapter News

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO
EWI OF OMAHA



EWI Sarah Madsen

Representing **MADSEN**
WEALTH MANAGEMENT
RAYMOND JAMES

WELCOME TO
EWI OF OMAHA



EWI Denise Beideck

Representing **HR**

Don't forget to get your EWI Swag before midnight on September 30th !
Members, use your first initial +last name to receive your \$50 discount

[CLICK HERE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

11 **Board Meeting**
5:30pm

26 **Dollars for Scholars**
5:30pm

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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www.linkedin.com/company/ewi-of-omaha

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 3 | Janet Schawang, Life Member

August 14 | Lenore Honke, Life Member

August 19 | Ruth Utman, Life Member

August 23 | Christina Dizona, Pinnacle Bank

August 26 | Susan Hussey, Dvorak Law, LLC, EWI of Omaha President

August 28 | Cindy Brickey, Individual Member

August 31 | Sally Komrofske, Life Member

2026-2027 Chapter Board Slate

Chapter President

Amy Ayer | Dvorak Law Group

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Secretary

Susie Hemphill | Hemphill Search Group

Treasurer

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Director-at-Large

Jessica Diamond | Lund Company

Advisor

Susan Hussey | Dvorak Law Group

Membership Vote Results

Following the presentation of the proposed 2026-2027 Board Slate at our July 22 Chapter Meeting and the subsequent email vote, we are excited to share that the updated Board Slate and Annual Meeting Delegates have been officially approved by the membership. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote and support our Chapter's leadership transition. We look forward to another great year of service, professional growth, and connection.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS




What if
ONE EVENING
COULD
CHANGE
SOMEONE'S
future?

Join EWI Omaha for an evening of trivia, laughter, great auction items, and incredible community—all while helping adult students pursue their education and build brighter futures.



Scholarships

Supporting adult students working hard to create brighter futures.



Trivia

Bring your friends and your smarts for a night of fun!



Silent Auction

Bid on amazing items, experiences, and one-of-a-kind treasures.



Changing Lives

Your support today creates opportunities for a better tomorrow.



WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 26, 2026



A VIEW ON STATE
13467 State St
Omaha, NE 68142



DOORS OPEN: 5:30 PM
TRIVIA BEGINS: 6:30 PM



INDIVIDUAL TICKET: \$75
TABLES OF 8 AVAILABLE
Bring Your Friends!

DINNER AND TWO DRINK TICKETS ARE INCLUDED!
FRIENDS ♥ COWORKERS ♥ DATE NIGHT ♥ FAMILY TEAMS

Why It Matters

Every dollar raised supports EWI Omaha's Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Program, helping hardworking adults return to school and build brighter futures for themselves and their families.



EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
Omaha Chapter

Reserve
YOUR SEAT!

Tickets available at ewi-omaha.org or contact any EWI Omaha member.

JOIN US. LAUGH A LITTLE. BID A LITTLE. CHANGE A LIFE. ♥

Trivia Night

Get ready for an evening of fun, friendly competition, and fundraising at our August Dollars for Scholars Trivia Night! Gather your team and sign up to test your knowledge while supporting local students and scholarships.

We're also still accepting donations for our fundraising activities, including:

- Silent auction items and themed baskets
- Raffle prizes
- Bottles of wine for the wine pull

Your attendance and donations help make a meaningful impact on students in our community.

Sign up today and join us for a great night supporting a great cause!

More information on the next page!

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Trivia Night

Help Us Fill the Auction Tables!

Dollars for Scholars is almost here, and we still need YOU to help us make those silent auction tables amazing!

But don't overthink it—you don't have to create an entire Pinterest-worthy basket. Donate a whole basket OR simply give us something we can combine with other donations!

Need some inspiration?

Think:

- Date Night – restaurant gift card, movie tickets, babysitting, wine
- Husker Game Day – Husker gear, snacks, tailgate goodies
- Treat Yourself – massage, nails, hair products, boutique gift card
- Foodie Fun – restaurant gift cards, cooking class, local goodies
- Dog Parent Survival Kit – treats, toys, grooming certificate, boarding/daycare
- Family Fun Night – games, pizza gift card, popcorn, zoo or museum passes
- Staycation – hotel stay, restaurant, attraction tickets, wine
- Coffee Lover – coffee, mugs, coffee shop gift cards
- Experience Omaha – tickets, restaurants, attractions and local adventures
- And don't forget—we still need bottles of wine for the Cork Pull!
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YOUR CHALLENGE:

Before you buy anything, look around your house!

Do you have an unopened bottle of wine?

An unused gift card?

A brand-new item you received but never used?

Something fabulous sitting in a closet waiting for a purpose?

That could be an auction donation!

No basket? No wine? Bring yourself!

Grab your friends, neighbors, coworkers, Bible study gang, book club, mom group—or anyone who could use a really fun night out—and join us August 26.

One fun night. A whole lot of laughs. And an opportunity to help change someone's future.

Contact Amy@sunfloweradvisors.com for more info.



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

EWI of Omaha

ASIST Dollars for Scholars – August 26, 2026

Become a Scholarship Champion



EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
ADULT STUDENTS IN SCHOLASTIC TRANSITION

Dollars for
SCHOLARS

Join us for an evening of trivia, community, and purpose as we raise funds for the Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Program and the Darlis Vauble Memorial Scholarship.

For 65 years, EWI of Omaha has helped non-traditional students pursue their educational goals and build brighter futures. Many recipients are single parents, displaced workers, or adults returning to school to create new opportunities for themselves and their families.

Our goal is to raise more than \$50,000 to help deserving students take the next step toward achieving their dreams. Your sponsorship, attendance, and generosity make that possible.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- ☐ **Doctoral Sponsor: \$2,000** (\$1,400 tax deductible) – Preferred seating for 8 | Special recognition during event | Program acknowledgement and company logo
- ☐ **Masters Sponsor: \$1,500** (\$1,050 tax deductible) – Preferred seating for 6 | Program acknowledgement and company logo
- ☐ **Bachelors Sponsor: \$1,000** (\$700 tax deductible) – Preferred seating for 4 | Program acknowledgement and company logo
- ☐ **Associate Sponsor: \$500** (\$350 tax deductible) – Preferred seating for 2 | Program acknowledgement
- ☐ **Trivia Round Sponsor: \$200** – Logo on answer sheet and event screen
- ☐ **Individual Ticket: \$75 each** (Tables of 8 available)
- ☐ I/We would like to contribute a silent auction item and/or gift basket.

Each attendee receives two drink tickets. Additional beverages may be purchased from the cash bar.

Company Name/Individual: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Recognition Name for Program: _____

Table Guests/Dietary Restrictions: _____

Please make checks payable to EWI and mail to Angie Peters, EWI Treasurer, Bankers Trust Company, 19202 Davenport Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.

For sponsorship questions or silent auction item pick-up, contact Amy Bodenner at amy@sunfloweradvisors.com.

CHAPTER EVENTS

JULY CHAPTER MEETING | EWI 101

EWI of Omaha Programs Director, Natalie Kotrc, with the help of many seasoned EWI representatives put together a wonderful presentation all about EWI, its benefits, and how to get even more involved. Thank you so much, ladies for an informative evening! Information on 2026-2027 Committees will be coming soon.

Additionally, thank you to Alisha Nash and Christina Dizona of Pinnacle Bank for hosting!



MEMBER EVENTS

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT VISION LOSS PROGRAMS & SERVICES

A photograph of two men standing in front of a wall with several framed pictures. They are holding two wooden cornhole boards, each featuring the Outlook Enrichment logo.

**BAGS & BREWS
CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026
1:00 PM AT HEAVY BREWING**

\$50
Per Team

outlook
ENRICHMENT
Journey Beyond Vision

REGISTER NOW outlooken.org

Pitch In to Fuel the Fun

Looking for another way to support Bags & Brews? We're seeking a limited number of beverage sponsors (\$200-\$500) to help create a memorable experience for our players.

As a thank you for your partnership, sponsors will receive:

- A social media shoutout
- Day-of-event signage featuring their logo

If you're interested in sponsoring Bags & Brews or have questions about team registration, please [reach out](#).

[Learn More](#)

Corporate News



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2026 | MOBILE, AL

EWI's Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting ("LCAM") is an annual professional development conference where members from our Chapters gather to connect, network and grow professionally. Keynote speakers, workshops, seminars, group discussions, and more offer diverse learning opportunities. Social gatherings provide networking and establish new connections. Reading Rally events and other philanthropic activities reach the local community and help the Chapters learn how to implement programming in their communities. Our annual Celebration Gala allows recognition of our members and the many successes of our Chapters. Delegates representing each Chapter meet to approve the budget, elect the slate of officers and conduct the business of the organization during our annual business meeting.

Interested in donating to the LCAM Silent Auction basket?

Every year each chapter is tasked with donating a silent auction basket for the night of the Gala. Items collected so far include: a gift card to Omaha Steaks and a BruMate cup. If you are interested in contributing items or making a monetary contribution, please reach out to Susan Hussey and Amy Ayer.

AUGUST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR



Professional Development Webinar: LCAM 101

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 | 12:00 PM CT

Jennifer Clark, Corporate Board Education Director
Danielle Forney, LCAM Committee Chair

The Happiest of Hours with EWI



Lesley Cornathan,
Growth & Engagement Corporate Director,
EWI Corporate



Featuring Francesca Reyes,
Marketing Major,
The Ohio State University

Virtual "Happy Hour/Networking" Event
Last Friday of each month through November 2026
6 PM CST/7 PM EST



Member Firms and Representatives

A View Venues – Courtney O'Brien
Access Bank – Pam Yenke
Agile Mindfulness – Nora Plambeck
Bankers Trust Company – Angie Peters
Bland & Associates, PC – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche
Borsheims – Chris Buckingham
Burlington Capital – Jordan Stocking
Doubletree Downtown Omaha – Sara Freeman
Dvorak Law Group – Amy Ayer, Susan Hussey
Elegant Edge Events – Natalie Kotrc
Green Plains Inc. – Lindsay Christiansen
HDR – Denise Beideck
Hemphill Search Group – Susie Hemphill
Hyatt Omaha – Trish Bauermeister
Lund Company, The – Jessica Diamond, Jonna Radtke
Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District – Maggie Rasmussen
McFarlin & Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis
Midlands Business Journal – Andee Hoig
MK Swan, Inc. – Melissa Swan
Omaha Steaks – Kristin Gochenour, Molly Murphy, Stephanie Skavdahl
Outlook Collaborative – Lori Mitera, Susanne Waltermeyer

Partnership 4 Kids – Open
Party Bar, The – Jodi Carper
Pinnacle Bank – Alisha Nash, Christina Dizona
Power UP Leadership Coaching – Sandy Spady
Raymond James - Sarah Madsen
Standard Heating & Air – Jody DuRee
Sunflower Advisors – Amy Bodenner
Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation – Sharon Mize
Talking Rain – Kristen Cummings
Thrivent – Amber Stroh
United Republic Bank – Anne Riley
Venue 1883 – Brenda Ulven

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Sustaining Members- Stacie Robertson, Jane Heath

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